

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

December 14, 2018

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2018-376-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2018-824

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2018-376-E - Request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company to Transfer Real Property; Obtain Certain Waivers Associated with Real Property Transfers; Approve the Use of Bill Inserts and Election of Bill Credit; and Request for Expedited Consideration - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Request to Transfer Real Property, Obtain Certain Waivers Associated with Real Property Transfers, and Approve the Use of Bill Inserts and Election of Bill Credit, along with the Request for Expedited Consideration.

COMMISSION ACTION:

SCE&G has agreed to create and fund a Customer Benefit Fund ("CBF") as a result of a Settlement Agreement reached in the Lightsey v. SCE&G case as well as proceedings before this Commission in the 2017-207, 305, and 370-E dockets. In order to implement the CBF, the Company is requesting the following approvals in expedited fashion:

1. Transfer their Meeting Street and Franklin Branch Properties listed in the request to the CBF Trust, each with values in excess of \$1,000,000.
2. Waive the bid requirements on real property in excess of \$50,000 on the same Meeting Street and Franklin Branch properties as well as other non-utility (Exhibit D) and utility (Exhibit E) property listed in the request.
3. Waive the requirements that the Company notify the Commission of any sub-division of properties listed in the Settlement Agreement with market values of less than \$150,000.
4. Provide a bill insert to the Company's current customers within forty-five (45) days after the later of (i) the court's preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement in the Lightsey case; or (ii) the Commission's approval of the requests in this docket. The Company is also requesting approval to distribute checks to former customers, and to give current customers the option of a check or bill credit for payment of their pro-rata share of CBF benefits.

As ORS points out, it was not a party to the settlement in the Lightsey case. Furthermore, ORS states the Request contains multiple complex issues, which ORS has not fully reviewed. Therefore ORS requests, and I move, that any Commission ruling granting this request shall include instruction to the Company that the Request shall not be interpreted to, or allowed to, shift any costs to ratepayers.

With that said, the formation of the CBF appears generally not to be inconsistent with this Commission's ruling in the Nuclear Dockets, and frees up funds for ratepayer relief. Therefore, I move that we approve the requests.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
ELAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

